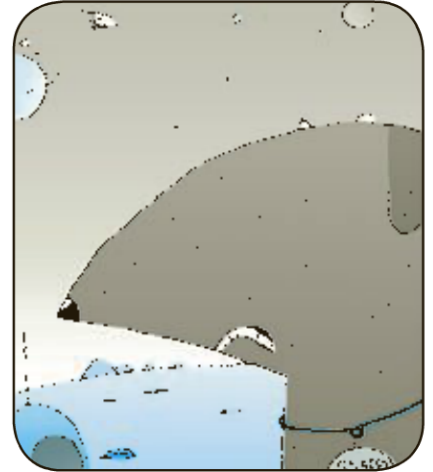


Combining Sentences Using Key Words

Sometimes a single word can make a world of difference in a sentence. One added key word can provide just the extra touch needed to add impact to your sentence. If you have used two sentences to explain something, it's always a good idea to see if you can combine the two sentences by "borrowing" a key word from one and adding it to the other. Combining sentences by using key words can help you create more concise, mature sentences.



Examples

Combining with an Adjective:

John's brother nibbles "munchies" between meals. He is younger than John.

John's younger brother nibbles "munchies" between meals.

Combining with a Participle:

Ji's dog scares people. Ji's dog snarls.

Ji's snarling dog scares people.

(*Snarls* has been changed to its participle form.)

Combining with an Adverb:

I passed my English test. I passed it yesterday.

Yesterday, I passed my English test.

Directions

In each pair of sentences, underline the key word(s) in the second sentence and then move the form of that word (indicated in parentheses) to the first sentence.

1. Eligia did the exercises with ease. The exercises were difficult. (*adjective*)

Eligia did the difficult exercises with ease.

2. I have to mow my overgrown lawn. I will mow the lawn later. (*adverb*)

3. The fans stormed onto the field. The fans screamed. (*participle*)

4. Juan wrote an essay on endangered species. It amazed everyone. (*participle*)

5. Jeison loves salsa. He loves it hot and spicy. (*adjective*)

6. The crowd loved the play. The crowd cheered. (*participle*)

7. I lost my wallet at the movies. I lost it last week. (*adverb*)

8. The sun made me squint. The sun was setting. (*participle*)

9. I changed the flat tire on the side of the road. I changed it quickly. (*adverb*)

10. Bill's basket saved the game for us. He made it at the last minute.
(*compound adjective*)

Next Step Write five pairs of sentences suitable for key word combining. Exchange your sentences with a classmate. Each of you should combine the sentences you received.